

**EXHIBIT A**

1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 1  
2 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

3 EXECUTIVE CAR WASH :  
4 OF MAPLE GLEN :

5 PLAINTIFF :

6 v. :

7 ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. :

8 and :

9 ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD :

10 SERVICES, INC. :

11 DEFENDANTS :

ORIGINAL

NO. 02-CV-3747

12 FEBRUARY 4, 2004

13 Oral deposition of JOHN  
14 CARNEY, taken pursuant to notice,  
15 was held at the law office of Kaplin,  
16 Stewart, Meloff, Reiter & Stein, P.C.,  
17 350 Sentry Parkway, Building 640, Blue  
18 Bell, Pennsylvania 19422 commencing at  
19 10:12 a.m. on the above date, before  
20 Stanley D. Krevitz, Jr., a court reporter  
21 and notary public in the Commonwealth of  
22 Pennsylvania.

23 ESQUIRE DEPOSITION SERVICES  
24 1880 John F. Kennedy Boulevard  
15th Floor  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103  
(215) 988-9191

1 Laboratories, you changed the name to  
2 become EHS Environmental; is that  
3 correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. So they're the same  
6 corporate structure, though; is that  
7 correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. You are the sole  
10 shareholder?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Are there any other officers  
13 of EHS Environmental other than yourself?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Now, that was true of  
16 Environmental Hazard Services, Inc., as  
17 well, was it not?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. So EHS Laboratories, which  
20 became EHS Environmental, continued to do  
21 the same sort of Phase 1 evaluations or  
22 Phase 1 work that Environmental Hazard  
23 Services, Inc., did, did they not?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. Called on the same customers  
2 that they had before?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Sir, this case began as a  
5 Complaint filed in federal court, it's a  
6 matter of public record. You've seen a  
7 copy of this Complaint; is that correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And an Answer was filed by  
10 your former counsel on or about August 2,  
11 2002. Did you see a copy of that before  
12 it was filed?

13 A. I don't believe so.

14 Q. Did you discuss this Answer  
15 with your former counsel before it was  
16 filed?

17 A. Yes, I believe so.

18 Q. Did you discuss with him the  
19 items, without going into as to what you  
20 discussed, the items in the Complaint and  
21 the fact that an Answer was going to have  
22 to be filed?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And he asked you how to, you

1 know, answer these allegations and you  
2 discussed these allegations with him?  
3 Again without going into what was said.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Now, I notice in response --  
6 could you read paragraph number 4 for the  
7 record on the first page?

8 A. "Upon information and belief  
9 Environmental is the successor to  
10 Hazard."

11 Q. And your answer on number 4  
12 reads, for the record, please?

13 A. "Admitted."

14 Q. Okay. Is that correct?

15 A. Yes. It's not accurate, but  
16 it's correct.

17 Q. Why do you say "it's not  
18 accurate"?

19 A. Because in all these  
20 Complaints they named the company as  
21 "Environmental, Inc.," when it was "EHS  
22 Environmental, Inc."

23 Q. All right. Let's try that  
24 again. The current company is not



1 Q. And anything that was in the  
2 file you gave to your attorneys?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. As a matter of practice  
5 during that time period, were your  
6 employees, such as Mr. Berkes or Aquilino  
7 who were performing these walk-through  
8 inspections, instructed to prepare field  
9 notes and have those field notes in the  
10 file?

11 A. I don't recall.

12 Q. In the document further it  
13 says, under "Walkover Survey," that "The  
14 inspection of the subject property was to  
15 determine what environmental impactors,  
16 if any, exist." The phrase  
17 "environmental impactors," are you  
18 familiar with that phrase?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What does it mean?

21 A. Environmental conditions  
22 that would affect the property,  
23 renovations or demolitions.

24 Q. How do renovations or

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And you had done business  
3 with them before?

4 A. I don't know.

5 Q. First of all, what was  
6 Atlantic Petroleum Technologies asked to  
7 do?

8 A. I don't know.

9 Q. Who asked them to do it?

10 A. I believe Richard Berkes.

11 Q. Do you know why they were  
12 contracted to do whatever it is that they  
13 did?

14 A. No.

15 Q. You are aware they are the  
16 individuals who performed -- they  
17 performed a site survey as well; is that  
18 correct?

19 A. Well, they produced a report  
20 and a bill, so I assume they did.

21 MR. KAPUSTIN: We can mark  
22 this as Carney-3, Carney-4 and  
23 Carney-5.

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1 (Carney-3, Carney-4 and  
2 Carney-5 were marked for  
3 identification.)

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5 BY MR. KAPUSTIN:

6 Q. I show you exhibits 3, 4 and  
7 5. Have you seen these exhibits before?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. All right. And your  
10 previous testimony was you got a bill and  
11 a report from this entity Atlantic  
12 Petroleum Technologies. Is that bill and  
13 report included in there?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And, for the record, can you  
16 say which document is the bill?

17 A. Carney-5 is the bill.

18 Q. All right. And which  
19 document is the report?

20 A. Carney-4.

21 Q. And Carney-3 is a fax; is  
22 that correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. All right. And you've seen



1 that before?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Had you ever seen that  
4 before this litigation? Had you seen  
5 this in 1992?

6 A. I don't recall.

7 Q. Carney-3, it says it's a  
8 fax, but it refers to another document.  
9 It says it's a two-page document?

10 A. Yes, it does.

11 Q. Do you know what was  
12 included with that?

13 A. No, I do not.

14 Q. Because that's dated  
15 December 4 I believe and the others are  
16 later; is that correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. The fax, Carney-3, it's to  
19 Berkes from John Secker, S-e-c-k-e-r.  
20 Did you understand him to be an employee  
21 of Atlantic Petroleum Technologies?

22 A. I'm not sure who he is.

23 Q. Have you ever met Mr.  
24 Secker?

1 A. Not that I know of.

2 Q. Do you recall speaking with  
3 him on the telephone or doing business  
4 with him at any point in time?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Since you got this report  
7 and paid this bill to Atlantic Petroleum  
8 Technologies, did you ever use them  
9 again?

10 A. Not that I'm aware of.

11 Q. Have you spoken to  
12 Mr. Secker recently?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Do you know where he can be  
15 located?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Do you know if your counsel  
18 has spoken to Mr. Secker?

19 A. I'm not sure.

20 MR. HAMILTON: For the  
21 record, Steve, we subpoenaed him  
22 to testify on February 19, I think  
23 you got a copy of the subpoena.

24 MR. KAPUSTIN: I understand

1 marked it as "9A."

2 BY MR. KAPUSTIN:

3 Q. So you're saying that it was  
4 document 9A. And specifically what  
5 language are you relying upon?

6 A. "I called Bob Bradshaw to  
7 inquire of the status of the UST removal  
8 date. Both tanks have been removed from  
9 the ground and the excavation has been  
10 backfilled. No notification was given to  
11 the department. Atlantic has history of  
12 failure to notify."

13 Q. Do you recall, looking at  
14 the top of that document, this was in  
15 your file from the 1992 Phase 1?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Do you recall any discussion  
18 with him, or anything, that the address  
19 on there was 1400 Dreshertown Road, which  
20 is Limekiln Pike and Dreshertown Road?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Are you aware that this is  
23 not the address of the property in  
24 question?

1 A. I am now.

2 Q. Going back to 2000, are you  
3 the one who did the site assessment, the  
4 visual inspection of the site?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Other than the report, did  
7 you maintain any separate notes of what  
8 happened or what you saw at the property?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And to the best of your  
11 knowledge you gave those to counsel?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Turning to Carney exhibit 8,  
14 page 10. Under paragraph 7, "Registered  
15 Underground Storage Tanks." Where it  
16 says "Updated: July, 1999" are you  
17 referring to a specific document?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And what document is that?

20 A. The documents found in  
21 section 5.

22 Q. At the top of the page?

23 A. No, that's section --

24 Q. Of the attachments, okay.



1           A.       Visual inspection.

2           Q.       Now, is that the top of the  
3 tank or the bottom of the tank or  
4 somewhere else?

5           A.       The top of the tank.

6           Q.       And you say this "is  
7 possibly why the magnetic survey  
8 performed for Environmental Hazard  
9 Services, Inc., did not find the tanks in  
10 1992." I'm saying you, what do you base  
11 that on?

12          A.       I've been told that the  
13 magnetic detectors, the metal detectors,  
14 depending on what kind of substrate they  
15 have to penetrate, are only good down to  
16 two or three feet.

17          Q.       And who told you that?

18          A.       I don't recall.

19          Q.       Are there different types of  
20 Ferro metal detectors? And by that I'm  
21 not talking about different brands, but  
22 did different types of them have  
23 different levels of, for want of a better  
24 term, depth perception or depth



1 reception?

2 A. I don't know.

3 Q. Some of them could be  
4 stronger than others and have different  
5 capabilities than others; is that  
6 correct?

7 A. Yes

8 Q. When this was going on in  
9 2000, did you have any contact with  
10 Mr. Berkes to find out what happened?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Would you go back to the  
13 first page of that document, please?

14 MR. HAMILTON: Which one?

15 MR. KAPUSTIN: The last  
16 exhibit, number 10, please.

17 THE WITNESS: (Witness  
18 complies).

19 BY MR. KAPUSTIN:

20 Q. In the first page of this  
21 document, under the third paragraph it  
22 says, "Contaminated soil was evident on  
23 top of the tanks, on the sides of the  
24 tanks, and below the tanks." Now, these



ATLANTIC PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.  
DUTTON MILL INDUSTRIAL PARK  
396 TURNER WAY  
ASTON, PA 19014

DATE: 12-4

HANDLING: ( ) URGENT  
( ) ROUTINE

TIME: 3:45

FAX NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FACSIMILE MESSAGE FORM

Page 1 of 2 pages (including this cover sheet).  
If you fail to receive all of the pages or if either machine  
fails, please call.

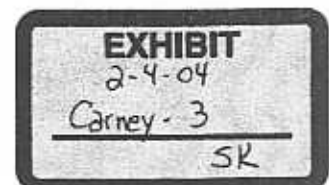
Our FACSIMILE number is 215-497-6739  
Our TELEPHONE number is 215-497-6729

TO: RICHARD BERKES.

FROM: JOHN SECKER,  
ATLANTIC PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

COMMENTS:

THE SITE APPEARS TO BE CLEAR  
OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS,  
EXCEPT FOR A 500 GALLON FUEL OIL  
TANK IN THE REAR. THE OIL WATER  
SEPARATORS COULD BE CAUSE FOR  
CONCERN.





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Letter# APT 92-357

December 7, 1992

Environmental Hazards Services Inc.  
2316 Meetinghouse Rd.  
Boothwyn, PA 19061

ATTENTION: Richard Berkes

RE: Executive Car Wash  
of Maple Glen.

Dear Richard:

Atlantic Petroleum Technologies conducted a site survey at the above referenced site on 12/4/92. The purpose of the survey was to locate any possible underground storage tanks. A Fero magnetic locator was used to identify buried ferrous metal objects.

The storage tanks used for commercial purposed have been removed at some prior date, unestablished at this point.

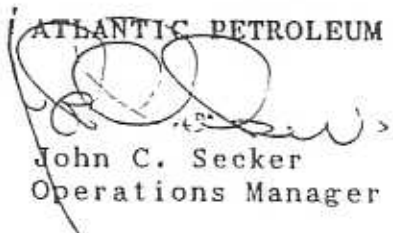
A 500 to possibly a 1000 gallon heating oil tank exists behind the building and is in use. This tank is currently unregulated.

There are oil-water separators in the rear of the building with oil on the surface of two manholes out of four. This could be cause for concern. They appear to be of concrete construction and are in use.

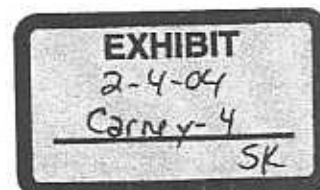
Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. Please call with any questions you may have.

Sincerely yours,

ATLANTIC PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

  
John C. Secker  
Operations Manager

JCS/gam





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# INVOICE

TO: Environmental Hazards Service  
2316 Meetinghouse Rd.  
Boothwyn, PA 19061

DATE: December 7, 1992  
INV #: 1103  
JOB #: P172PA  
TERMS: Due Upon Receipt

ATTENTION: Richard Berkes

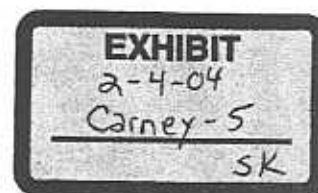
RE: Site Survey

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TOTAL AMOUNT DUE THIS INVOICE

\$295.00

For 12-92-4784





DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES  
BUREAU OF WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

FIELD NARRATIVE FORM

NAME <b>Atlantic L.U.S.T.</b>		DATE <b>6/3/88</b>	COUNTY <b>Montgomery</b>	PROGRAM <b>IW</b>
SITE ADDRESS/LOCATION <b>1400 Dresherstown Rd (Limekiln Pike + Dresherstown Rd)</b>			MUNICIPALITY (TWP, BORO) <b>Upper Dublin</b>	
ACTIVITY	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSULTATION	<input type="checkbox"/> ENFORCEMENT	FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY	
<input type="checkbox"/> PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> INVESTIGATION	<input type="checkbox"/> INSPECTION	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE <input type="checkbox"/> REINSPECTION	
<input type="checkbox"/> COMPLAINT	<input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM EVALUATION	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/> LETTER <input type="checkbox"/> RETURN CALL	
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER				

NARRATIVE: (Include as appropriate: direction to site; indicate all individuals present; list points discussed; describe conditions observed; diagram site; note sampling activities.)

Marcy,

Tony Coraso of Atlantic 339-2603 called to inform us of two tank test failures at the above location. 1 Super Unleaded + 1 Regular Unleaded Failed and are being pumped out. Bob Bradshaw of Atlantic 339-2568 will be handling the case and will call prior to tank removal.

Rich B

7/7/88

13:20 I called Bob Bradshaw to inquire of status of the UST removal date. Both tanks have been removed from the ground and the excavation has been backfilled. No notification was given to Dept. Atlantic has history of failure to notify. VL will be sent outlining site require remediation requirements

SIGNATURE OF WQM PERSONNEL

SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT

EXHIBIT

2-4-04

Carney-9A

SK